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SECOND SESSION,

WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND FEBRUARY 1938/20TH MAKARAM 1113.

The Assembly met again at Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C.I.E., the President, in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai took the oath and signed the Rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Parur District Court's premises.

265. * **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) which department and what officer, if any, has the control or supervision of the premises wherein the buildings of the Parur District Court are situated;

(*b*) as the District Court, the Munsiff's Court, the Tahsildar—Magistrate's Court, the Sub-Registrar's office, the Treasury, the Police Station, the Civil Jail and the Anchal Office are situated within the same premises, whether any, and if so, who among the officers of these several institutions has any control over or duty to control the premises extending over six acres;

(*c*) whether the premises and a urinal therein are kept under sanitary conditions;

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor;

(*e*) if the urinal is looked after by any one, by whom it is done, and to whom he is answerable;

(*f*) whether there has not been interpellations relating to this urinal and premises in the sessions of the Legislative Council on previous occasions;

(*g*) whether the Municipal President, Parur, the District Judge, Parur and the Tahsildar, Parur, have not each addressed the Government through the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, about the unsatisfactory and control-less condition of the premises and the urinal about two years ago;

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(*h*) what was the action taken by Government in answer to those communications;

(*i*) whether, and on what date, the Municipal President, Parur, suggested any proposals for remedying the defects existing and for improving the sanitary condition of the said premises and urinal; and

(*j*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement detailing his proposals and showing, what action was taken by Government in view of those proposals?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No Department or Officer in particular.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) The premises are occasionally swept by the sweepers engaged by the local municipality. The masonry enclosure in the south-eastern corner of the premises which was meant to be a urinal is used now as latrine for prisoners, the Police Department paying the scavenging fees.

(*d*) and (*e*) *Vide* answer to part (*c*) *supra*.

(*f*) Yes on two occasions, one for the Sri Chitra State Council held in January 1935, and the other for the Assembly held in July 1937: But these could not be answered as the reports about them were not received in time.

(*g*) The Municipal President, Parur, addressed Government concerning the condition of the local public offices premises on 3-6-1110. The District Judge, Parur, addressed the local Municipal President on the subject and a copy of that letter was furnished to the Land Revenue Commissioner by the Division Peishkar, Kottayam on 29-1-1111.

(*h*) Government have enquired into the matter. The following works have been proposed:—

(i) Renewal of the floor of the urinal inthe eastern corner of the compound.

(ii) Filling up of the tank near the urinal and retention of the tark to the west of the District Court building.

(iii) Plastering with cement mortar of the basement and the coping of the co mpound wall.

(iv) Provision of two wicket gates to prevent stray cattle entering the premises; and

(v) Construction of a masonry drain connecting the existing two earthen drains.

(*i*) The member's attention is drawn to answer to part (*g*);

(*j*) Copy* of letter No. 301/25, dated 3-6-10 from the President Municipal Council, Parur, to Government is laid on the table.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: In view of the answer to part (*a*), may I know from Government to whom any complaint should be made?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There are several offices in that compound and the premises have not been entrusted to any particular office. The chief institution, I believe, is the District Court and if there is any complaint the Honourable member can bring it to the notice of the District Judge.

**Vide* Appendix I

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APPENDIX I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No 265.**

Copy of letter No. 301/25 dated 3-6-110 from the President Municipal Council, Parur, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

I have the honour to bring to the kind notice of Government the following facts concerning the local public offices compound which is situated in the heart of the town and is more than three acres in extent. It is surrounded by the Alwaye-Parur road on the northern side and by narrow gravelled roads on the remaining sides. Almost all the public offices of this town are located in this compound namely the District Court, Munsiff's Court, Tahsildar Magistrate's office, Police Station, Sub Registrar's office, Treasury, Civil Jail and Anchal Office. Of these the Civil Jail alone which is enclosed within a separate fenced portion is provided with a latrine cleaned daily by the Municipal agencies. The scavenging fees for this purpose is paid by the District Court.

The many hundreds of people who resort daily to the public offices are not provided with any urinal except the one situated in the south-eastern corner of the public offices. It is not maintained properly and is used by all indiscriminately at all times of the day. It is also used at present as the latrine for the undertrial prisoners in the custody of the local police. The most uncared for condition of this urinal also gives ample scope for the public to commit nuisance in its surrounding places. The whole premises are not swept and kept clean also at any part of the year. It becomes water-logged in the rainy season and is a public thoroughfare to boot. The nomadic tribes who visit the town often pitch up their tents in it. The insanitary condition of the urinal and its vicinity has long been the source of constant complaint from the people in the neighbourhood. As a result of this complaint, I began to correspond with the heads of the important offices in the site from as early as 1104, but it could not improve matters in the least. It appears to me that there is uncertainty as to the office with which the management is vested.

Recently, the present District Court Judge requested me to have the premises cleared by Municipal employees and I am causing it to be done now. But this arrangement cannot continue long as in the first place the council does not possess sufficient number of menials to spare for the purpose and secondly it does not form a legitimate duty of the Municipality.

Situated as it is in an important locality of the town with a very extensive area and possessing as it does of a majestic appearance it could contribute much to the aesthetic beauty and sanitation of this town, besides being highly useful to the public provided it is properly cared for and controlled by authorities.

In the circumstances, I request Government be pleased to issue necessary orders to the Department in charge of the public office premises to make necessary arrangements to make it useful, neat and tidy.

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